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1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. Figure 3

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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

A method and apparatus are disclosed for separating the functionality of middleware (320) in a device with embedded resources (341, 342) so that data transfer between embedded resources used by an object (330) resident in a general purpose processor (310) of the device takes place directly, thereby minimizing bandwidth overhead at the general purpose processor. The control interface (371, 372) for an embedded resource resides in the general purpose processor and uses the device driver of the embedded resource, whereas the data interface (381, 382) is outside the general purpose processor and provides direct communication with a switch matrix (360) serving each embedded resource.